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FOR NEA LABOR ADVISOR, NEA/RA

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SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR INFORMATION ON LABOR AND SOCIAL SECURITY LAWS: BAHRAIN

**REF: STATE 166470** 

- 1. WE HAVE BEEN ATTEMPTING TO KEEP DEPT. CLOSELY INFORMED ON LABOR, SOCIAL INSURANCE AND WORK PERMIT/VISA REGULATIONS FOR THE PAST TWELVE MONTHS. BELOW FOLLOWS A SERIES OF REFERENCES TO MANAMA CABLES AND DOCUMENTS POUCHED. IF THEY ARE NOT AVAILABLE TO NEA/RA, PLEASE INFORM AND WE WILL RETRANSMIT.
- 2. 76 MANAMA 1371 (NEW LABOR AND SOCIAL INSURANCE LAWS COME INTO EFFECT AMIDST CONFUSION AND CONTROVERSY) AND 757 (NEW LABOR AND SOCIAL SECURITY LAWS EXPECTED). ON SEPT. 13, 1976 WE POUCHED TO NEA/RA: THE LABOUR LAW FOR THE PRIVATE SECTOR: AMIRI DECREE LAW NO. 23 OF 1976 (AN ENGLISH-LANGUAGE PUBLICATION OF THE GOVERNMENT OF BAHRAIN, MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND SOCIAL AFFAIRS) AS WELL AS THE LAW OF SOCIAL INSURANCE PROMULGATED BY AMIRI DECREE LAW NO. 24 OF 1976 (AN ENGLISH-LANGUAGE PUBLICATION OF THE SAME MINISTRY).

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- 3. THE LABOR LAW REMAINS IN FORCE; THE SOCIAL INSURANCE LAW ALSO REMAINS IN FORCE EXCEPT FOR THE NOTABLE CHANGE THAT EXPATRIATE LABOR HAS BEEN EXCLUDED FROM ITS COVZRAGE. IN THAT REGARD, SEE MANAMA 1133 (MAJOR AMENDMENT TO SOCIAL INSURANCE LAW: EXPATRIATES EXCLUDED).
- 4. AS FOR WORK PERMIT REGULATIONS, THEY ARE DETAILED IN

 $76\,\mathrm{MANAMA}$  1152. THESE REGULATIONS APPLY TO AMERICAN CITIZENS AS WELL AS OTHER EXPATRIATE LABOR.

5. OUR MOST RECENT GENERAL REPORT ON THE BAHRAINI LABOR FORCE IS CONTAINED IN MANAMA 1179 (THE BAHRAINI LABOR FORCE: 1977).
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